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CASABLANCA AND COPENHAGEN FOR FISHERIES ATTACHES

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SUBJECT: BIO COMMENTS ON HEAD OF PORTUGUESE LOS DELEGATION

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1. DR. MARIO RUIVO, WHO WILL HEAD PORTUGUESE DELEGATION TO LOS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK, WAS ONE OF FOUNDERS OF PORTUGUESE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT (MDP/CDE), WHICH SINCE SUMMER 1974 HAS BECOME FELLOW-TRAVELER OF COMMUNIST PARTY (PCP). RUIVO HIMSELF IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE A PCP SYMPATHIZER IF NOT A SECRET MEMBER OF THE PARTY. A DIPLOMAT WHO WORKED WITH HIM AT FAO IN ROME SAYS HE IS A "DANGEROUS" COMMUNIST. ONE RELIABLE SOURCE CLOSE TO THE PRIME MINISTER BELIEVED THAT RUIVO
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HAD LINKS TO SOVIET INTELLIGENCE.

2. RUIVO SERVED AS A TECHNOCRAT WITH FAO DURING SALAZAR/CAETANO REGIME. AFTER 1974 REVOLUTION, HE RETURNED TO BECOME SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FISHERIES UNDER FIRST THROUGH FOURTH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENTS. HE SERVED BRIEFLY AS FOREIGN MINISTER UNDER FIFTH GOVERNMENT. HE CURRENTLY IS DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION OF FISHERIES, AND GENERALLY HEADS PORTUGUESE DELEGATIONS ON FISHERIES. IN OUR DEALINGS WITH RUIVO, BOTH IN HIS CAPACITY AS A FISHERIES EXPERT AND DURING HIS STINT AS FOREIGN MINISTER, WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED NO PROBLEMS. WITHIN FISHERIES SECRETARIAT, RUIVO IS HIGHLY RESPECTED AS FISHERIES EXPERT AND TECHNICIAN.

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